

Elephant Class Newsletter

June 2023

We are now into our last two months of Elephant class. The time really has flown by. Despite, the students' time coming to an end we will continue to work hard, and enjoy ourselves simultaneously. Towards, the end of the month we will begin preparing the students for their graduation, which will take place on Friday 14th June.

Reading

Week 1 – 6/5 – 6/9 – The Pizza That We Made

Week 2 – 6/12 – 6/17 – The Garden That We Grew

Week 3 – 6/19 – 6/21 – Busy Bugs – A Book About Patterns

Week 4 – 6/26 – 6/30 – Ham – Ham – Hamsters

Reading will continue to be a pivotal part of the curriculum this month. We aim to read the weekly reading book once a day. The students' reading has improved drastically throughout their time at Marshall, and I will do my utmost to ensure they continue to improve. I also encourage the students to read others books when they have finished their class work early.

Core material

Week 1 – 6/5 – 6/9 – Unit 3 Week 4 Anthology

Week 2 – 6/12 – 6/17 – Unit 3 Week 4 Anthology

Week 3 – 6/19 – 6/21 – Catch-up and Review

Week 4 – 6/26 – 6/30 – Unit 3 Week 5 Workshop

The students enjoy studying from the anthology McGraw-Hill Reading Wonders books. They provide stories to help improve their reading and also topics for class discussions. The topic for this month will be "From Cows to You," there is a text explaining how the food from a farm reaches our homes.

Phonics

Week 1 – 6/5 – 6/9 – P179, 180, 181

Week 2 – 6/12 – 6/17 – P182, 183, 184, 185

Week 3 – 6/19 – 6/21 – Catch up and Review

Week 4 – 6/26 – 6/30 – P186, 187, 188

We will begin the month by looking at abbreviations for words in English. Following this we will look at plural nouns, followed by inflectional endings. We usual do phonics on a Monday morning to ease the students into the week.

MPM Math

Week 1 – 6/5 – 6/9 – F4 P13-18

Week 2 – 6/12 – 6/17 – F5 P1-6

Week 3 – 6/19 – 6/21 – Catch up and Review

Week 4 – 6/26 – 6/30 – F5 P7-12

The students thoroughly enjoy studying from the MPM books. We will continue to study MPM on a Friday afternoon. The topics for this month will be More than or Less than, Paths, and Counting Objects.

Grammar

Week 1 – 6/5 – 6/9 – P62- 65

Week 2 – 6/12 – 6/17 – P66- 69

Week 3 – 6/19 – 6/21 – P70 - 73

Week 4 – 6/26 – 6/30 – P74- 77

We also study grammar on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon, so that it corresponds with the students' homework. The topics the students will begin the month by continuing to study the past tense, and then they will begin to study the future tense. I understand that the past tense is particularly difficult so I will provide worksheets to help aid the students understanding.

Hand writing

Week 1 – 6/5 – 6/9 – P78-79

Week 2 – 6/12 – 6/17 – P80-81

Week 3 – 6/19 – 6/21 – Catch-up and Review

Week 4 – 6/26 – 6/30 – P82-83

We complete two pages from the "Write Now" book, every week. The topic for this month will be "A Day at School". The students will learn to write about a normal day at school using the simple present.

Song and Dance

Song and dance remains popular with the students. We will continue to begin the day by having song and dance classes. The students thoroughly enjoy song and dance time and I enjoy teaching them new songs.

Thematic Activities

The students thoroughly enjoy our Thematic Activities. They learn about a particular subject for a month, and then make crafts based around a particular subject.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to ask myself or Teacher Dale.
Yours sincerely,
Teacher Dominic.